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Jane E. Henney, M.D., Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14-71
Rockville, MD 20852

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Re: Docket No.98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"

Dear Ms. Henney:

I am very troubled at the thought that irradiated foods may not have to be labeled as such. I feel that as a person who is concerned with health, it is my right to know everything about the food I purchase. Nutrition labels are a good step towards helping consumers make healthy choices and irradiation is a process that should be included in this label. I do not feel that enough research has been done on the long-term effects of irradiated foods consumed by people.

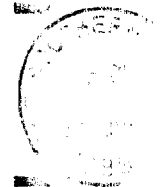
I further urge you to use proper labeling for irradiated foods and forego misleading terms like "cold pasteurization". Please ensure that labeling requirements are strengthened, not weakened.

Sincerely,



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